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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Nathaniel Bolton was born July 25, 1803 in Chillicothe, Ohio. He came to Indianapolis in 1822 and was the coeditor of Indianapolis' first newspaper, *The Gazette*, with his stepfather, George Smith. The paper was renamed the *Indiana State Gazette* and later, in 1830 when Bolton sold his share to Alexander Morrison, to the *Indiana Democrat and State Gazette*.

He married Sarah Barrett, who was born on December 18, 1814 and died on August 4, 1893. Sarah and Nathaniel had two children, Sarah and James. The couple operated a tavern on land once owned by his stepfather in Jefferson County, Indiana during 1831. They sold their property in 1845 to the State of Indiana, which used it for the Central Hospital for the Insane.

Nathaniel was elected State Librarian in 1851. He was also employed during this time as a reporter of the legislative proceedings for the *Sentinel* and edited that paper until it was sold in 1855. President Franklin Pierce appointed him consul to Geneva, Switzerland in 1855. He returned to Indiana in 1857 due to ill health, died on November 26, 1858, and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes a photostat of a document from James N. Johnston in Jefferson County, Indiana on 1832/01/16 regarding affirmation of a marriage between Nathaniel Bolton and Sarah T. Barrett.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

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- Indiana State Library.

Geographic Name(s)

- Chillicothe (Ohio)
- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Jefferson County (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Bolton, Sarah

Subject(s)

- Marriage